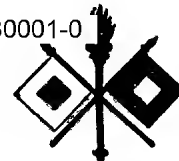


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TO: **CAPTAIN SHEPARD EYES ONLY FOR THE PRESIDENT**

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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST--12 APRIL 1963

1. USSR:

A. MORE INFORMATION HAS COME IN ON THE SHAKEUP OF THE SOVIET MILITARY HIGH COMMAND. IN ADDITION TO CHIEF OF STAFF ZAKHAROV AND HIS DEPUTY, ADMIRAL VINOGRADOV, IT NOW LOOKS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT GEN. SEROV IS OUT AS SOVIET INTELLIGENCE CHIEF.

B. THE GENERAL IN CHARGE OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION CROSSED SEROV'S NAME OFF OUR PROSPECTIVE GUEST LIST FOR THE US ARMED FORCES DAY RECEPTION. SEROV, HE SAID WITHOUT ELABORATION, COULD NOT COME.

C. CURIOUSLY, THE GENERAL WONDERED WHY WE DID NOT HAVE ZHUKOV ON OUR LIST. HE SAID ZHUKOV'S ONLY TROUBLE WAS THAT HE NEGLECTED POLITICAL TRAINING IN THE ARMED FORCES, BUT "THAT WAS NOW MORE THAN FIVE YEARS AGO."

D. THIS CONVERSATION ALSO TURNED UP THE FACT THAT MARSHAL N. I. KRYLOV, COMMANDER OF THE CRUCIAL (IN KREMLIN POLITICS) MOSCOW MILITARY DISTRICT, IS THE NEW COMMANDER OF THE STRATEGIC ROCKET FORCES, THE POST VACATED WHEN MARSHAL BIRYUZOV BECAME CHIEF OF STAFF.

E. FINALLY, IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT THE RUMORS OF MALINOVSKY'S INVOLVEMENT COULD HAVE SOMETHING BEHIND THEM.

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F. MALINOVSKY FLIES FROM NEW DELHI TO TASHKENT TODAY.

2. LAOS:

A. THE MILITARY SITUATION IN THE PLAINE DES JARRES HAS NOT CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY, ALTHOUGH SOME FIGHTING IS APPARENTLY STILL GOING ON.

B. KONG LE SEEMS TO HAVE IN MIND PULLING ALL OF HIS FORCES FROM OUTLYING AREAS INTO THE PLAINE DES JARRES TO RETAKE XIENG KHOUANG AND MAKE A STRONGHOLD OF THE AREA. HIS CONCENTRATION TO RETAKE XIENG KHOUANG IS STALLED, HOWEVER

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D. SOUVANNA IS AT LEAST BLAMING THE PATHET LAO FOR THE TROUBLE DESPITE THE COMMUNISTS' EFFORT TO REPRESENT IT AS AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN NEUTRALIST FACTIONS.

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3. HAITI:

A. A COUP PLOT TO OUST DUVALIER ABORTED

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C. THIS WILL PROBABLY TOUCH OFF ANOTHER PURGE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND MAY WELL FORESTALL ANY FURTHER EFFORT FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

4. CUBA:

A. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AN ALMOST COMPLETE ABSENCE OF TENSION AMONG THE PEOPLE. SECURITY PROCEDURES SURROUNDING CASTRO, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED AND ALL SPANISH LANGUAGE BROADCASTS ON MEDIUM WAVE FROM THE US ARE NOW EFFECTIVELY JAMMED IN THE HAVANA AREA.

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B. [REDACTED] PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] SHOWS NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY AT THE SOVIET MILITARY ENCAMPMENTS.

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5. CONGO:

A. ADOULA, WITH NOT ENOUGH CABINET POSITIONS TO GO AROUND, IS IN TROUBLE TRYING TO SATISFY EVERYONE.

B. HE CALLED IN ALL HIS MINISTERS AND STATE SECRETARIES YESTERDAY [REDACTED] THERE

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IS CONCERN THAT IF GIZENGA IS RELEASED BEFORE THE OPPOSITION
IS MOLLIFIED BY A CABINET SHUFFLE, THEY MAY RALLY TO GIZENGA.

C. ADOULA MAY THEN HAVE TO USE FORCE TO HOLD ON.

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